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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Jerry C. White, Pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Greer, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our Nation has experienced many victories because of people like those here today. Often success did not come with rushing speed but by persistence and faithfulness. We are in Your hands as were our forefathers of old. Enlighten the minds of Your servants with wisdom, guide their counsel, and prosper their work that what they do shall result in good. Give calmness in the face of storms, encouragement in the face of frustration, and humility in the face of their success. May You grant them wisdom and virtue to perform their part with the fervor of a patriot and the art of a statesman in thought, in word, and in deed. Direct their paths that they may lead with boldness and assurance knowing that our cause is far greater than any one of us. I pray this prayer in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Washington (Miss MCMORRIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss MCMORRIS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. JERRY C. WHITE

(Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome to the House Dr. Jerry White, the president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and our guest chaplain this morning. Jerry has been preaching since the age of 13, pastoring for 33 years, 24 of those years in South Carolina, the last 7 at Riverside Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina. His wife Janet and his father are here with us today. They have two sons, and, maybe most significantly, a brand new baby granddaughter.

Jerry's favorite hymn is Amazing Grace. His life verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Truly the two work together because one of the stanzas of Amazing Grace is, "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved."

That is what enables people like Jerry to pastor as they do, realizing that it is grace that causes them to be able to do all things through Christ who strengthens them. We thank him for offering the prayer this morning, and we welcome him to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation among the Speaker, the majority and minority leaders, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the Chair feels the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seat by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, July 11, 2005, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 9:48 a.m., the following proceedings were had:

□ 0948

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY MANMOHAN SINGH, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. Kerri Hanley, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, into the Chamber:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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